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MONDAY, JULY 30, 1888.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL 500,000.  
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
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THE BANK RECEIVES MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
BILLS AND COINS, BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
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ON APPLICATION.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
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" 3 " 3 "  
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS  
2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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BANK CORPORATION, IN LIQUIDATION, OR THE  
BALANCES OF SUCH CLAIMS, PURCHASED ON  
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SOCIETY.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND 3,900,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

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DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

DRAFFTS granted on London, and the chief

commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,

America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1888.

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**RULES  
OF THE  
HONGKONG SAVINGS  
BANK.**

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, to 3 or 3 SATURDAYS, to 1.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$250 AT ONE TIME WILL NOT BE RECEIVED. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit, may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 3 1/2 PER CENT. WILL BE ALLOWED TO DEPOSITORS ON THEIR DAILY BALANCES.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal.

Depositors must make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked on HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1888.

**W. BREWER**  
HAS JUST RECEIVED COPIES

OF—

Routledge's Natural History.  
History of Photography.  
Easy Studies in Water Colours.  
Studies in Trees, etc.  
Also the following Fancy Goods:  
Photo Albums. Photo Screens.  
Cigar and Cigarette Cases.  
Photo Frames, and the Wonderful little  
Photographic Apparatus.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL

Hongkong, 25th July, 1888.

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**KELLY & WALSH, LTD.**

JUST LANDED IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

**CIGARETTES.**

RICHMOND STRAIT CUT.  
"VIRGINIA BRIGHT."  
ALLEN & GINTER'S "LITTLE BEAUTIES."  
KINNEY'S "STRAIGHT CUT."  
And shortly to arrive, a fresh consignment of "SWEET CAPORALS."

**TOBACCO.**

"OLD RIP" in 1lb. Tins.  
"RICHMOND GEM" in 1lb. Tins.  
"MIXTURE" in 1lb. Boxes.  
COPE'S "GOLDEN CLOUD" in 1lb. Boxes.  
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"THREE CASTLES" in 1lb. Tins.  
ALLEN & GINTER'S "TURKISH MIXTURE" in 1lb. do.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF THE POPULAR BRANDS—  
"HAPPY THOUGHT," "DOLLAR BRAND," "STAR MIXTURE," & "GOLD EAGLE."

**KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,**  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1888.

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**THE STERLING  
ORIENTAL CORSET**

(REGISTERED)



A SPECIALIST for  
WARM CLIMATES or EVENING WEAR

Made from  
an entirely  
New Fabric.

Combining  
strength with  
lightness.

None greater unless stamped with the Trade Mark.

RE NOW SHOWING A LARGE STOCK

OF

THE "STERLING ORIENTAL CORSET."

IN RIDING,

TENNIS,

HAT-DEE and

ACME.

Also,

THE "PHANTOM BUSTLE."

and

THE NEW "CURETTA" & "VESTINA"

BODICE.

ROSE & CO.,

37-39, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1888.

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**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

HAVE just received new consignments of PIANOS from Europe, and are offering them at very moderate prices.

PIANOS from Broadwood & Son, Collard & Collard, Bechstein, Chappell & Co., and Haake.

NEW MUSIC is received regularly.

They have always on hand a full stock of Stores from Crosse & Blackwell and other best suppliers—these are received monthly and are always guaranteed fresh.

New Season's ISIGNY BUTTER, just arrived.

L. C. & Co. would also draw attention to their stocks of CROCKERY and GLASSWARE.

IRONMONGERY and HOUSE FITTINGS, KEROSENE LAMPS in large variety, NON-PAREIL OIL 150 test, KITCHEN UTENSILS, STOVES and RANGES.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, HATS, BOOTS, TENNIS SHOES, UMBRELLAS, RAINCOATS, COTS, PERAMBULATORS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, & TAPESTRIES.

SHIP CHANDLERY STORES of every description.

Special Agents for International Antifouling Compositions.

WINES AND SPIRITS—

CHAMPAGNE, AVILA & CO., SHERRIES, SACCOME'S and other Brands.

CLARETS in variety, Breakfast to Afterdinner. PORTS of various Brands.

BRANDY—EXSHAW'S, HENNESSY'S, COURVOISIER'S, and 1848.

WHISKY—Carlton 11 years old, Napier's, Johnstone's well known and justly celebrated.

GIN—OLD TOM and GENOA, RUM, LIQUEURS and BITTERS.

ALE and STOUT, Bull Dog Brand.

AMERICAN and GERMAN BEERS.

WHITBREAD'S DRAUGHT STOUT and BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE, and a large assortment of Fancy Goods.

ROSE & CO.,

37-39, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1888.

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**ROBERT LANG & CO.,**  
TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENERAL OUTFITTERS.

**NEW GOODS.**

Over Coatings, Light & Heavy, Ulster Tweeds.

Drab Felt Hats, Black, Brown Drab and Grey.

Hard Felt Hats, Terai and other Soft Felt.

Tweed Hats and Caps in New Shapes.

Straw Hats and Pith Hats.

Silk Umbrellas, from \$5 each, over 100 to choose from.

A large assortment of Walking Sticks.

Waterproof Coats, Leggings & Chalk Aprons.

Travelling Rugs and Scotch Mauds.

ROBT. LANG & CO.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1888.

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**NOTICE.**

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA  
DOCK COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS

are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR, none of the

COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HAN

OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive

prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found

necessary, communication with the Undercharged is requested, when immediate steps will be taken

to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1888.

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**ROBT. LANG & CO.**

Hongkong, 12th February, 1888.

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**YUEN FAT HONG,**

Hongkong, 12th July, 1888.

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**CHINAMAN'S**

Hongkong, 12th July, 1888.

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## Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Established A.D. 1841.

Watson's PRICKLY HEAT LOTION  
is the safest and best cure for Prickly Heat, it  
affords instant relief, and will be found useful in  
alleviating all irritation of the skin whether arising  
from acidity or caused by the bites and stings of  
insects. It is also a useful Toilet Article for the  
complexion.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
Hongkong, 11th July, 1888.

BIRTH.  
At the Hague, on the 25th inst., the wife of  
Mr. A. FINDLAY SMITH, of a son.

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ITALY AND FRANCE.

ROME, July 22nd.  
The French Government having protested  
against the exaction of taxes from Foreign Re-  
sidents at Massowah, Italy has sent a note to  
France declaring Massowah to be an Italian  
possession.

ITALY AND FRANCE.

of dealing with this water presents great difficulties, but energetic measures are being taken. The inhabitants of Inawashiro and the adjacent districts escaped with their furniture at the time of the eruption, as though a military invasion had taken place. The wounded are receiving treatment at the school-house in Inawashiro. Their condition is shocking. Some have fractured skulls; others, broken limbs, and the faces of a few are battered so as to be unrecognisable. At present the number of patients is 20. Owing to scarcity of medical aid great difficulty is experienced in ministering to their wants. There are about 1,000 persons in need of help, but means of relieving them are at hand. I append a table showing the numbers of killed and wounded. It shows that 946 places escaped comparatively uninjured. But on the other hand, a few villages were completely overwhelmed. Up to to-day (10th) the corpses recovered number 45. Three hamlets near the village of Hibara are said to have buried altogether, together with the whole of their inmates.

VILLAGES IN THE IWAHASHIRO DISTRICT.

Name of	Hamlets.	Total	Houses.	Population.
Iwahashi	17	10	4	1,000
Shimizu	17	10	4	1,000
Nagasaki	25	10	6	1,000
Kuwahara	13	3	0	1,000
Yozan	91	19	10	1,000
Sugan	37	4	0	1,000
VILLAGES (A PORTION OF) IN OSAKI DISTRICT.				
Oshikawa	16	These are said to have been		
Hibara	1	their site immediately		
Shimizu	6	abut		

At a spa called Kawakami there were; it is said, some fifty-five visitors, all of whom were probably killed. At another spa, Iwahashi, about thirty visitors were staying, and they also are supposed to have perished. Report further says that on the morning of the disaster, several farmers from the villages around went out with horses to cut lodger in the hills, but there is uncertainty about their number.

The Choya Shimbun, immediately on hearing

of the eruption, despatched a special reporter to the scenes who returned to the capital on the 10th inst. According to his account the villages round Bandai-san heard strange rumbling sounds and felt shocks of earthquake from the 13th. These phenomena continued intermittently for two days and nights, but not being attended by any serious result, no great disquietude was felt.

On the morning of the 15th, at about 8 o'clock, the smaller Bandai-san trembled and roared as though a hundred thunderstorms were combined. Almost immediately afterwards ashes began to fall; the sky suddenly grew dark, and the rumbling sounds continued, accompanied by violent earthquakes and the glare of dazzling flame. The crest of the smaller Bandai-san appeared to be lifted bodily upwards and then to fall again with a tremendous noise. Then followed showers of red mud mingled with large stones, spreading havoc around. Such indeed was the nature of nearly all the matter erupted, red mud without small stones, but accompanied occasionally by heavy rocks. Above the mud fell a few inches of ashes. In five villages, Iwahashi, Yozan, Wakamatsu, Misato, and Hibara, the greater part of the houses were buried to a depth of from 7 to 20 feet. The state of the bodies recovered is terrible. Some are literally cut to pieces; others are parboiled so that it is scarcely possible to distinguish between men and women. A few corpses were found suspended in the branches of trees which had caught them as they fell. Up to the 17th the number of bodies recovered is 426. It is believed that 61 still lie entombed. The wounded number 41. Eighty-seven houses have been destroyed. The inhabitants of Inawashiro and the adjacent villages fled to Wakamatsu, and other places when the eruption occurred, but on the arrival of the Governor at the scene of disaster and the gradual subsidence of the commotion, they recovered confidence and returned to their homes.

We have yet to learn the harrowing details of individual suffering caused by the calamity. The Mainichi Shimbun mentions one. A woman fled from the eruption with her child tied on her back. As she stumbled onwards, a large, red-hot stone flew past and smashed the body. Its blood was scattered all over its mother's body, but she, strange to say, escaped uninjured, and carrying her burden managed to reach Wakamatsu.

From researches made by the Tokio Geological Bureau we learn that ancient histories do not record any eruptions at Bandai-san. In a book called Kuro-dan, however, it is stated that the mountain was once in a flaming condition and that the country about its bases, to a distance of 10 miles, abounded in sulphur, from which poisonous vapours ascended. The same authority adds that since the formation of Lake Inawashiro the flames and smoke had ceased and noxious gases were no longer generated. Another book (Togoku Ryaku-dan) says that from a lofty peak named Bandai-san situated on the edge of Lake Inawashiro, flames emerged and the smoke seemed to scorch the firmament. A similar statement occurs in the On Beranshi. These records and evidence obtained in situ show that the mountain was an active volcano within historical times. As regards the effects of its activity, no information is on record. The "Geography of Aizu" has this passage:—In ancient times there was a landfall at Bandai-san. The Su-gawa river was dammed by it and Hibara was inundated. Neither the date nor the cause of the catastrophe is given, but the village of Hibara seems to have suffered then just as it has done now. Generally speaking, the districts bordering Kaga, Etchū, Echigo, Echizen, Uzén, and Ugo are liable to accidents of this nature. An old work states that in the year 806 A.D. a lake was suddenly formed with an island in the centre, and that the lake is the present Inawashiro and the island Okinajima. We have further the following records with regard to places in the district surrounding Bandai-san:—In the summer of 1596, a large pond, the Shirogumi, at Numajiri-toge, was almost obliterated. In August, 1611, a great earthquake occurred in the district. A mountain crumbled away, and the course of the Hibashi river being obstructed, a lake called Yamasaki was formed. In September, 1831, a flood devastated the country. The great earthquake of 1611 did not confine its ravages to the creation of one new lake. The crumbling of the hills dammed another stream near the village of Itsumi and three new lakes made their appearance. Again, the falling rocks blocked up the channel of the Agawa, and a water-fall 10 feet in height was produced. Between 1751 and 1763, a mountain near the village of Banzai-ya crumbled away and a lake was formed.

All these accounts go to prove that the Bandai-san district used to be actively volcanic at not very distant dates, and that frequent subterranean changes occurred. An eruption at the present time cannot, therefore, be greatly wondered at.

#### YOKOHAMA ENGINE AND IRON WORKS, LIMITED.

The first annual general meeting of shareholders, of the Yokohama Engine and Iron Works, Limited, was held on July 10th in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms. Among those present were—Messrs. A. Center, J. F. Lowder, F. S. James, J. Rickett, J. Dodds, S. D. Hepburn, J. Johnson, W. Bennett, C. D. Halliburton, D. Gillett, F. Gillett, O. Keil, E. Blanc, J. Cuthill, E. Kidgley (managing), and Charlesworth (secretary). Mr. A. Center took the chair.

The Secretary read the advertisement calling the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Dodds, the report and accounts as circulated (and published in our issue of the 17th inst.) were taken as read.

The Chairman, in calling attention thereto of stock as per inventory, \$60,511.25, pointed out that the stock of the company was taken at the lowest market price. The directors had not taken into consideration the market value of the material—only the cost of importation. In reference to the Kobe property, he referred to the advantages to be gained by its purchase. It was a most valuable property, having a frontage of three hundred feet on the water, and being adjointed by deep water. It was surrounded on three sides by the railway compound, and had been obtained at a very reasonable figure indeed. The plant, material, and buildings had been put up for. He added that, as many small steamers frequent Kobe, there must be a good deal of engineering work to be done.

Mr. Lowder was sure all would agree with him in endorsing that paragraph of the Directors' Report which congratulated the shareholders on a success of the company during its first year, a success which he thought, and he was sure all present thought the same, was entirely due to the energy of their managers. He would not be thought invidious, he felt certain, if he especially named Mr. Center as deserving the thanks of the shareholders. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in proposing that the report and the accounts be adopted.

Mr. Johnstone seconded.

Mr. Center thanked Mr. Lowder for his kind remarks, but thought he personally had done no more than the rest of the directors. Great part of the success of the company had been due to the efforts of Mr. Kilday, ably seconded by Mr. Charlesworth, secretary. (Applause.)

Mr. Lowder's motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then called attention to the paragraph in the report as to the retirement of Messrs. C. D. Hart and J. S. van Buren.

Mr. Dodds asked whether there was any special object for having two directors in Hongkong, and whether that object had been served.

The Chairman said there was a special object, and it had been accomplished.

Mr. Dodds proposed the re-election of the five remaining directors.

Mr. Lowder seconded, on the understanding that it involved a permanent reduction of the number of directors.

Mr. Johnstone pointed out that as the remaining five directors did not re-ite, there was no necessity to reappoint them.

Mr. Dodds' motion was then changed to read as follows:—That the number of directors for the coming year be limited to five.

This was carried.

Mr. Lowder proposed and Mr. Hepburn seconded the re-election as auditors of Messrs. H. A. Herbert and O. Keil.

This was agreed to.

In reply to Mr. Dodds,

The Chairman said the Kobe property had cost, exclusive of buildings, \$4,200; the buildings, material, &c., amounting to \$1,500.

On the motion of Mr. Lowder a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, and the meeting terminated. (Japan Mail.)

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, Capt. Wm. Ward, with the American mails of the 30th ult., arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon. We take the subjoined telegrams from our American exchanges:

LONDON, June 27th.

English aid is coming to the help of the Nicaragua canal. For some time past agents of rival schemes have been over here urging the co-operation of British shipowners. The shipowners have given careful consideration to all that has been urged by the various canal agents, and as a result of these deliberations, which have extended over a year, upwards of sixty of the leading shipowners and merchants of the United Kingdom held a meeting at Liverpool yesterday, and pronounced their decision. R. R. Lockett, of Liverpool, was chairman, and those present were unanimous in favouring the following resolution, which was greeted with enthusiasm, being moved and seconded by the Chilian Consul, Thomas Bain, and Henry Shield, the head of the Liverpool iron works.

This meeting of merchants and shipowners of the port of Liverpool, having heard with satisfaction the explanation given by L. L. Blackman, President of the American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, relating to the plans of the company for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal, and having regard to the opinions expressed by James Abernathy, C.E., and Sir George Brice, C.E., of London, past and present Presidents of the institution of civil engineers, to the effect that after a careful examination and comparison of the various plans for the construction of an interoceanic ship canal across the territory of Nicaragua, they are satisfied that the plans submitted by Blackman are preferable to any others, both as regards the working and maintenance of the canal, its cost of construction and the time required for its completion, and owing to the great width of the waterway and capacity of the locks proposed the canal will afford ample facilities for all traffic, however great, that may pass through it as will possess the great advantage that vessels can navigate at or near full speed and pass each other without damage or delay, which is not practicable in the usual type of canal of restricted width.

Resolved: That's ship canal across the territory of Nicaragua constructed according to the plans which have been submitted to the meeting by Blackman, president of the American, Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Company, would be of the first importance to commerce, and especially to the commerce of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and to that of the United States of America.

The meeting regrets to learn that owing

mainly to the existing dispute between the Government of Nicaragua and America concerning the concessions granted by the Government to the company, the carrying out of the project has hitherto been delayed, and trusts that the Government and company may speedily settle their differences, and that the underwriting may be afforded for capital seeking to be invested in connection with it. All the money necessary to build a canal in connection with the previously acquired American capital has now been provided, and England will prove a good second to the United States in completing the work.

The Society of Authors, of which Lord Tennyson is president, has resolved to invite James Russell Lowell and all the other American authors to London to a public banquet on July 25th, in recognition of their efforts made in behalf of an international copyright.

Colonel G. E. Gouraud, writing from Little Melton, Upper Norwood, S. E., says: "At 2 o'clock this afternoon, at the above address, I had the honor to receive from Edison his first perfected phonograph, which, on the authority of Edison's own statement, is his own familiar voice, communicated to me by the phonograph itself, is the first instrument of his latest model that has been seen outside of his laboratory, or that has left his hands, and is consequently the first to reach this country. At 2 o'clock

precisely I and my family were enjoying at once the unique and astounding experience of listening to Edison's own familiar and unmistakable tones here in England, more than 3,000 miles from the place where he had spoken, and exactly ten days after, the voice having meanwhile voyaged across the Atlantic ocean.

"This first phonogram, as Edison puts it, tells me amongst other things of interest that this instrument contains many modifications of that which was shown at the Electrical Club in New York a few weeks ago, as widely reported by the press. In several long phonographic communications to me, no single word of which had to be repeated in order to be clearly understood by every person present, including a child of 7 years, Edison mentions that he will send me phonograms by every mail leaving New York, and requests me to correspond exclusively through the medium of the phonograph, humorously remarking—in this connection—upon the advantage he will himself derive from the substitution of phonograms for a style of writing not always too legible.

"Edison has sent for our amusement numerous musical records of great interest and beauty from the pianoforte, concert and other instruments—solos, duets, etc., many of which, he tells me, have been repeated several hundred times. Altogether, our experiences of the day have been so delightful and unusual, not to say supernatural, that it would make it difficult to realize that we have not been dreaming, so interesting withal, as to make it seem a duty, as it is a pleasure, to communicate the above to you, widely read paper, which I have so frequently observed to chronicle the works of the author of the unparalleled triumph of mind over matter. All honor to Edison."

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considered advisable by the agent to keep the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Yenwu* to port all night, in case further trouble should arise, and many of the ladies availed themselves of this hospital shelter for the night.

A meeting at the Consulate under the auspices of H. B. M.'s Consul, Mr. Astyon, resulted in a foreign patrol being maintained all night, the Customs property being of course guarded by the Customs Staff. The mob did not appear to be a vicious crowd but seemed mainly anxious to make a demonstration, though the constant patrol of the foreign residents no doubt served greatly to restrain them.

We do not anticipate further trouble and trust that we shall have a quiet Sunday.

#### To-day's Advertisements.

##### CAUTION.

SOME ROCKS near the CANTON STEAMER WHARF will be ILLASTED at about 5 P.M. on the 31st instant. All persons on shore or in boats are warned not to approach too near the spot.

By Order, W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, 30th July, 1888. [751]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING, JULY 31ST, 1888.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

Directors [Mr. PEMBERTON W. WILLARD, JOHN F. SHERIDAN.]

Will appear as above in PAULON & JAKOBOWSKI'S COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS, ENTITLED "ERMINE."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Marquis De Ponvert, M. H. M. IMANO.

Eupene, CHARLES FISHER.

Chevalier, WHIFFEN CRIPS.

De Brissac, H. HASSAN.

Dufois, J. MANNING.

Ravannes, A. SUTCH.

Cadeaux J. Thieves, JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

Captain Dellarney, Miss ARLINE PEERS.

Simon, VERA PATEY.

Ermine, MAUDE HARE.

Cerise, F

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—156 per cent, premium, sellers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$78 per share, sellers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$74 per share, sellers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$77 per share, sellers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share, sellers.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$185 per share, buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 50 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$347 per share, buyers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 31 per cent, premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$218 per share.  
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—105 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company, 2175 per share, sellers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—12 per cent, dls., sellers.  
Douglas Steamship Company—\$58 per share, sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$188 per share, sellers.  
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$60 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited, 280 per share.  
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$12 per share.  
A. S. Wilson & Co., Limited—90 per cent, premium, ex. div., buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent, premium.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—8 per cent, premium.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—10 per cent, premium, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 D—12 per cent, premium.  
Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$24 per share.  
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$15 per share.  
Punong and Sunglile Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—67 per cent, premium, sellers.  
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—40 percent, premium, sellers.  
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent, premium, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. .... 2/11  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/0 @ 3/0  
Bank Bills, at 10 days' sight ..... 3/0  
Bank Bills, at 1 month's sight ..... 3/0  
Credit, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/0  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/0  
Bank, T. T. .... 2/11  
Private, 10 days' sight ..... 2/11

OPPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA (per picul) ..... \$530 to \$550  
(Allowance, Tacs 32 to 56)  
OLD MALWA (per picul) ..... \$570 to \$580  
(Allowance, Tacs 32 to 56)  
NEW PATA (without choice) per chest \$498 3/4 to \$503  
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest \$485 to \$487  
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest ..... \$497  
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$620  
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$600  
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$555 to \$570

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

29th July, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Lat. N. Long. E.	Temp. In.	Humid. ity	Wind. Dir.	Pres. Bar.	Weather.	Wind. Dir.	Pres. Bar.
Whampoa	30° 10' N. 114° 10' E.	80° 10'	70	... SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Tokio	35° 10' N. 139° 10' E.	80° 10'	70	... SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Nagasaki	32° 10' N. 130° 10' E.	80° 10'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Shanghai	30° 10' N. 120° 10' E.	80° 10'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Atoy	28° 10' N. 120° 10' E.	80° 10'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 10' N. 110° 10' E.	80° 10'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 05' N. 110° 05' E.	80° 05'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 12' N. 110° 08' E.	80° 12'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 13' N. 110° 08' E.	80° 13'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5

30th July, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Lat. N. Long. E.	Temp. In.	Humid. ity	Wind. Dir.	Pres. Bar.	Weather.	Wind. Dir.	Pres. Bar.
Whampoa	30° 05' N. 114° 05' E.	80° 05'	70	... SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Tokio	35° 05' N. 139° 05' E.	80° 05'	70	... SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Nagasaki	32° 05' N. 130° 05' E.	80° 05'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Shanghai	30° 05' N. 120° 05' E.	80° 05'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Atoy	28° 05' N. 120° 05' E.	80° 05'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 05' N. 110° 05' E.	80° 05'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 08' N. 110° 08' E.	80° 08'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5
Hainan	20° 10' N. 110° 08' E.	80° 10'	85	SW	1010.5	... Cloudy	... SW	1010.5

The barometer has risen in the south, and fallen in the north. Gradients are moderate for south-west winds. Hot, cloudy and rather dry weather prevails.

1—Wind speed reduced to level of the sea in 100 fms. and 100 fms. height. 2—Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 3—Direction of the wind to two points. 4—Force of the wind according to Beaufort's Scale. 5—Cloudiness in percentage of the sky. 6—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 7—Fog; 8—Glossy; 9—Hail; 10—Lightning; 11—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 12—Clouds, & Rain; 13—Snow; 14—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 15—Drizzle; 16—Rain; 17—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 18—Clouds, & Rain; 19—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 20—Clouds, & Rain; 21—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 22—Clouds, & Rain; 23—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 24—Clouds, & Rain; 25—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 26—Clouds, & Rain; 27—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 28—Clouds, & Rain; 29—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 30—Clouds, & Rain; 31—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 32—Clouds, & Rain; 33—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 34—Clouds, & Rain; 35—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 36—Clouds, & Rain; 37—Clouds, & Drizzling rain; 38—Clouds, & Rain; 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